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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, PFOR, RP

SUBJECT: VPI MAY ASK MRS. MARCOS TO SPEAK

1. ASSISTANT TO VIRGINIA POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRESIDENT PHONED FEB 4 AND ASKED WHETHER STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO VPI INVITING MRS. MARCOS TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS IN JUNE 1975. HE EXPLAINED THAT UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN GRATIFIED BY SUPPORT GIVEN BY MRS. MARCOS TO FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN PHILIPPINES IN WHICH VPI PARTICIPATING, AND THAT STUDENTS WITH WHOM A POSSIBLE INVITATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT.

2. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE DEPT WOULD NOT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN INVITATION, AND THAT DECISION WAS ENTIRELY UP TO VPI, VPI AUTHORITIES, IN MAKING THEIR DECISION, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MRS. MARCOS IS A POLITICAL FIGURE IN HER OWN RIGHT, AND SOMETHING OF A CONTROVERSIAL PERSONALITY. ALSO, ELEMENTS OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSED TO THE MARCOS ADMINISTRATION AND TO MARTIAL LAW. DEPTOFF ADDED THAT IF MRS. MARCOS ACCEPTED INVITATION WE  
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WOULD NEED ADVANCE NOTICE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR HER VISIT. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF WHATEVER ACTION VPI DECIDED TO TAKE.

3. VPI REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID ALL ASPECTS OF CASE WOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SINCE INSTITUTE WOULD NOT WANT TO SUPPORT AN UNDEMOCRATIC REGIME. HIS OPINION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT VPI WOULD PROCEED WITH INVITATION. THEY WILL KEEP EA/PHL ADVISED AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.

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